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THE ROMA DISASTER.

An investigation to determine the cause of the Roma disaster in which thirty-four were killed and eleven injured has been started by experts of the army air service.

Coming but six months after the ZR2 disaster at Hull, England, the dirigible is being condemned. A demand that all appropriations for army and navy dirigibles be stopped at once has arisen in Congress. Army officials do not, however, regard these tragic accidents as offering sufficient grounds for abandonment of the attempt to produce service ships of this kind, particularly for employment in coast defense operations.

An investigation into the cause of the ZR2 disaster, which resulted in the death of sixty-two English and American airmen, revealed that the accident was a result of structural weakness. Army and navy officers lay the blame of the Roma tragedy at the door of Congress because of failure to provide sufficient helium gas, a non-inflammable gas.

The Roma was purchased by the United States from Italy. The ZR2 was making its last trial flight as the property of Great Britain before being brought to this country. The two disasters should be sufficient evidence to prove that this method of defense must either be abandoned or its development accomplished in this country with an unlimited supply of capital with which to take every precaution against accident.

The pessimists as well as the optimists are a little near sighted in their estimates of the Conference at Washington.

THE WORLD COURT.

A new era in the relationship of nations is dawning with the establishment this month of the permanent court of international justice, at the Hague. John Bassett Moore, a leading American jurist represents America on this world bench.

The salient fact about this court is that it marks success in a field where every previous endeavor has failed. One reason for the failure of the earlier attempts at an international court was the lack of rules of procedure. No legal traditions were created.

The present court consists of judges representing some fifty different nations. Each of these nations nominate four judges, two being of the nationality of the country. From this group the eleven judges are chosen by the two houses of the League of Nations. The court elects its own president, who must then reside permanently at the Hague. Judges are appointed for a term of nine years.

The fact that no nation is compelled to go before the court to settle disputes saves sovereignty from being infringed upon. Nations must agree to present their disputes to the court, except those who are bound by treaties to do so.

This world court represents the concurrent desire of all nations to make justice the ultimate arbiter of international affairs. The court will settle disputes between nations and build up an international concience of justice.

MORE SUBSIDIES.

When a European comes to the United States, he is surprised at the lack of airplane traffic here. In Europe planes for carrying passengers and freight are as accepted means of travel. Much of

the advancement on the continent is due to the subsidies which governments are granting to airplane companies. France and England are fostering air service by financial help.

A group in this country is working for government assistance for commercial air development. In order to hasten the day when this help will be offered, this group has studied the plans under which foreign countries are granting subsidies. It is learned that its aid is based on the amount of traffic and the number of passengers which planes carry. This help, it is urged, encourages the purchase of planes by commercial companies and assures their extensive use.

Government subsidies are always a delicate problem. The futile struggle for ship subsidies, it seems would discourage all expectations for assistance.

The reason for air aid on the continent is a different problem from that of the United States. England and France are competing for trade in Europe. If one nation helps commercial air development, it is the duty of the other nation to give her business men the same opportunities.

Merchants of this country are not faced with foreign air competition. As long as American merchants have the monopoly of the field in the United States, the government should not be asked for subsidies. If merchants want the speed and other advantages which plane transportation gives them, they themselves should pay for it.

When foreign countries open competition with home merchants and use plane service, they will be the time for government help. The government should be ready then to give American merchants every opportunity for successful competition and prosperity.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep—and the world laughs at you."

The peace dollar is to be slightly changed so that it may be stacked better. This fact, however, has merely academic interest for many of us.

LONGFELLOW

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the most popular of American poets was born at Portland, Maine, one hundred and twelve years ago today.

Longfellow's rare gift was the ability to popularize ideas and culture. To him we owe the expression of the general and commonplace emotions of the public in a simple natural way. And to him we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude for opening the eyes of the American public to the beauty of European life.

Longfellow is the children's poet. He is a poet of the home and the fireside, the lover of beauty and romance, expressing always with a varied and finished art, the simple and natural affections of every day life.

It has been said that his work is superficial and academic. It is true that it lacks the profundity and subtlety of Emerson, the vigor of ideas found in Lowell's works, the sense of beauty and form expressed by Poe, the wit of Holmes and the stateliness of Bryant. But his works have stood the test of the years and made him ever popular with their pure, refreshing sentiments, and the unaffected love of humanity which they express.

In his teaching as in his life and letters Longfellow exemplified the scholar and the gentleman.

Bullet proof hats are the latest innovations adopted by the Philadelphia police. This invention should prove effective against aerial burglars.

LIGHTNING ROD IS NOW 90 PER CENT EFFICIENT

Harvard Professor Says Thunder Storm Is Beneficial to Farmers.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (By Mail.)—The much mooted question as to whether lightning rods are efficient in warding off destruction from lightning bolts has been answered by Professor R. De C. Ward of Harvard University in the affirmative as a result of much study.

"A recent investigation into the value of lightning rods in protecting buildings in the United States leads to the conclusion that the efficiency of the lightning rods in preventing lightning strokes is about 90 per cent," Professor Ward stated.

"Hundreds of fires in houses and other buildings are started every year by lightning. Nearly all of these fires, and a considerable loss of human life, could certainly be prevented if modern methods of lightning protection were generally employed."

Sale at Sugar Creek Farm. C. M. Trice, proprietor of the Sugar Creek Stock Farm, will hold a public sale, March 14, of stock hogs, cattle and corn.

NEWS OF THE STATE

A test crop of cotton will be planted near Cartersville this spring.

The St. Joseph Automobile Club has arranged for free service autos and mechanics for its members.

The Traveling Men's Booster Club of Springfield is holding an annual Pure Food and Industrial Show.

State engineers have approved about fifty miles of highway improvement for the western part of the state.

The appointment of E. K. Horine as postmaster at Cassville has been approved by the Senate.

Republicans of Moberly held their annual banquet Friday night. Governor A. M. Hyde and David M. Proctor were speakers.

February 28 will be Odd Fellows Day at Bolivar. Odd Fellows of Polk and adjoining counties will gather there.

Miss Jessie Driskell of Bevier has been secured as full time nurse by the Macon County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Statistics show that there were twice as many births as deaths in Nodaway County last year. There were 550 births to 240 deaths.

The Joplin high school R. O. T. C. won the marksmanship championship for the seventh corps area. Twenty-five leading high schools were entered.

The U. S. S. St. Louis, a protected cruiser, named for the city of St. Louis, is to be taken out of commission March 3, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, after a career of nearly sixteen years.

Governor Arthur M. Hyde has been elected chairman and State Auditor Hackman, vice-chairman of the state board of equalization, which was organized Friday.

Mrs. Francis Wood Brown, "Mother Brown," 70 years old, who has been matron at the St. Louis Union Station, for twenty-six years, died Thursday in Los Angeles.

With prices for farm products becoming higher, bankers of Maryville agree that the agricultural and business outlook in Nodaway County is encouraging, according to the Maryville Democrat-Forum.

Louis Alt of St. Louis, endorsed as a possible candidate for mayor, will be recommended to the President for appointment as postmaster of that city, by Senator Selden P. Spencer.

The Joplin and Pittsburg Railway Co. has decided to abandon its urban lines in Joplin. Civic clubs are making efforts to have the service continued.

The first edition of the Community News was published at Houstonia Thursday. H. G. Pershing, formerly of Wichita, Kan., is publisher.

Barry County has forty persons who have applied for blind pensions. Among them is Mrs. Della Baylor of Purdy, who is more than 101 years old.

Oil was struck recently in drilling operations near Harrisonville, in Cass County, at a depth of 710 feet. Five other wells will be put down, two of which are now drilling.

The State Public Service commission met last Thursday at Jefferson City to hear an outline of a proposed merger between the Bell and Kinloch telephone companies.

A friendly mandamus proceedings has been filed in the Supreme Court to compel Auditor Hackmann to register \$50,000 of city bonds issued by Booneville to construct the approach to the proposed bridge across the Missouri River at Booneville.

Two persons and one hundred head of cattle are reported to have been bitten by mad dogs at Cedar City. Six dogs, believed to have been mad, have been killed and their heads sent to the laboratory of the School of Medicine of the University.

Ozark canning factories, many of which lost heavily and were forced to shut down in 1920 and 1921, are expecting a good year and are renewing contracts for tomatoes, according to the Cassville Republican.

If the government approves a loan of \$3,000,000, the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad will be able to resume operations, it is believed. The road was forced to shut down because of high operating expenses.

A cafeteria operated at cost by the domestic science department of the Chillicothe High School served 3,282 lunches to school children last year at an average cost of 17 cents.

In straightening the channel of the Platte River, near Sheridan, an oak tree was found in a perfect state of preservation buried sixteen feet below the surface and directly under a grove of large elm trees. It is believed to have been buried for centuries.

The Highway Department has approved the contract for building a road from Huntsville to Clifton Hill, in Randolph County. The department is ready to advertise for bids for the new Renick-Clark road in the same county.

The State Highway Commission has approved of the project for the construction of thirty miles of concrete roads connecting Charleston, East Prairie, Annsonton and Wolf Island. An appropriation of \$335,000 was made immediately available. The action gives Mississippi County more than fifty-two miles of hard surfaced highways.

Lung Tests Proved Truth of Barnum's Famous Statement

Several years ago when freshmen were then, as now, doomed to take "military," the contract for all uniforms was held by a local clothing house. In taking the prosaic list of "coats, sleeves and trousers," the tailor and salesman faced a task into which it was hard to breathe anticipation or enthusiasm.

Several days of the monotonous measuring forced them to seek solace by applying their inventive talent to the problem at hand. The result was the famous Quares-McGrath "lung-tester," by which the examiners were able to determine the relative physical capacities of the individual as well as fit him for his "soldier clothes."

The instrument consisted of an examining platform on which the student was mounted for measurement and a vertical gauge on which his height was registered. A mouthpiece and tube led to the testing apparatus while on the vertical gauge in front of the candidates face was the checking apparatus consisting of a one-way register on a graduated scale attached to cords by which the lung capacity of the aspirant was graphically portrayed before him.

One of the candidates was the rather overgrown son of a faculty family who gloried in his new-found field of training and was quite overjoyed at the prospect. He bounded eagerly into the examining room and hopped onto the platform with a great deal of sprightliness. After the necessary measurements had been taken, the following conversation ensued between the tailor and the son of a faculty family:

"Just a minute, partner! Before you leave let's see how you air-supply is."

"What's that, air?"

"Got to get a test of your lung capacity, pal."

"Oh, but I'm all right!"

"Sure, I know all that, but orders are orders, son. Here you air! Grab hold of this mouthpiece and hold it tight so you can't let it go."

The mouthpiece was a couple of deep breaths taken and then with cheeks distended, face scarlet with effort and eyes ballooned, he tested his lungs, keeping his glazed optics on the gauge and blowing until blue spots swam back and forth in his field of vision.

To his horror and surprise there was a slight vibration in the register, and nothing more.

Finally, exhausted with the trial, after a few final spasmodic efforts, he broke away from the mouthpiece, gasping for breath.

"Lay those measurements aside, Johnnie!" came the tailor's orders.

"Give me one more chance!" begged the gulping freshman.

marble were discovered near Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. W. B. Astor died leaving ten million dollars to her grandchild, Miss Ward.

J. Y. Batterson of Sturgeon was appointed a judge in the Boone County Circuit Court by Governor Brown.

Miss Matilda Fletcher of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was to lecture on the value of a library in Columbia.

A plea was made by a lieutenant in the cavalry that some law be made governing the shooting of buffalo. Hundreds and thousands of these animals were shot for their tongues alone, he said.

It was noticed by an aeronaut that when up in a balloon he could hear a woman's voice as high as two miles, while the voice of a man could not be heard at a greater height than one mile.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING
The Herbert Williams Post will hold an open meeting Monday, February 27, 8 p. m. at the Legion Hall, 8th and Broadway. All ex-service men are especially urged to attend. Music and other entertainment will be furnished. Ladies Auxiliary will furnish the entertainment and music.

DR. C. M. SNEED, Commander.—adv.

PUBLIC SALE MARCH 14
C. M. Trice, Route 3, will hold public sale of stock hogs, cattle and corn March 14. Watch for further notice.—Adv.

Perhaps you have a periodical physical examination or you go to your dentist at intervals to have your teeth looked over. This saves you sickness and expense. But did you ever consider that the plumber has the same kind of service to offer?

Defective plumbing causes not only discomfort, but ill health. Your family doctor will welcome our assistance in keeping you well. Never let your plumbing or your health run down. A periodical inspection of your plumbing is as necessary as the periodical inspection of your health. A few repairs or replacements now and then, as a result of a periodical inspection may mean a big saving in more ways than one. Why not see us about it?

We can guarantee you sound advice, the best materials and workmanship at very reasonable prices. Phone 906.

Columbia Plumbing & Heating Co.

H. C. MALO, Mgr.
105 N. 9th St.—Basement.

Fifty Years Ago.
The explosion of a mine pie caused the death of a Wisconsin youth. Extensive mines of copper, coal and

AT THE THEATERS

Columbia.
Tonight and Tuesday—Night life, murder, mystery, plots and plotters make up Goldwyn's latest film: "The Night Rose." Lestrage Joy and Lon Chaney take the leading parts in this drama of San Francisco's after-dark existence wherein Georgia Chappin, an innocent girl of 18, who craves the excitement incident to this mode of living, has her desires rewarded. Her first visit to her sweetheart involves her in the murder of a policeman, brings about her mother's banishment and sends her into hiding to be known as the "Night Rose." Thus becoming one of the creatures of obscurity, Night Rose goes through some interesting adventures. John Bowers, Cullen Landis and Betty Schade take prominent parts in this drama.

Hank Mann's "Don't Weaken" concludes the program.

Cosy.
Tonight and Tuesday—Carmel Myers is being featured in a picture rich in woman's wiles and sparkling with a life of the champagne variety called "In Folly's Trail." Miss Myers depicts the careless beauty who stimulates love and attracts the heedless man-moths whose wings are soon singed. But there is one individual who persists in his love-making and succeeds. Just how he does will interest the devotees of bizarre drama.

"The Lins Is Busy," is the comedy. Screen Magazine finishes the program.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION
In the Probate Court, February Term, 1922.

State of Missouri, County of Boone, ss. In the matter of the estate of H. H. Tandy, deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
Take notice, that the undersigned, executrix of the estate of H. H. Tandy, will at the February term of said court, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Columbia, the county seat of said county, and on the 6th day of March, 1922, apply to said court for leave to resign the office and trust of the executrix of said estate.

Dated at Columbia, this 1st day of February, 1922.

GRACE T. TANDY, Executrix.

For Sale
1921 Ford Touring
Fine Condition
Missouri Motor Co.
15-17 N. 7th St.

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Let Us Safeguard
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brought this letter--

To the Missourian:

Gentlemen: Thanks to you for the ad you inserted for me in your wide-awake little paper. The results are O. K. Sale made today.

Respectfully,

J. A. Townsend,
1115 E. Ash St.

Missourian Want Ads tell your story simply and convincingly, and it reaches the greatest number of people in the quickest time.

Phone 55

We send you the bill after the Ad runs.

WANTED TO BUY TODAY
Good Second-Hand Furniture, Rugs, Etc. Phone for our buyer and the highest price. Phone 238-red. Maple Furniture Co.

It Was a Success!

The Palms' Palm Tree has never heard such music, with the exception of one warm night last summer, when it was but a palmlet down on a baylet, outside a little hamlet in the Palm Groves of Florida, when three fellows and—but That's Another Story.

In spite of the rain, the Palm Tree saw its home filled to overflowing four times during the evening, and the boys behind the bar served full many a Quadrangle Holler, A Suspension Special—and as for "Mac's Special Sandwich"—well Rosalia worked overtime making 'em.

These three specials will hold their place 'neath the shade of the Palm Tree for the remainder of this week.

It Was
A Rollicking
Good Party!

The Palm Tree extends its most heartfelt thanks to "Fri", "Arch", "Doc", and the rest of their jolly crew; and wishes to go on record stating that it will stretch out a mean shade branch, whenever they are tired and need blissful relaxation 'neath its shelter.

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